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24 June 1949 25/0115Z	Astoria, Long Island, New York 374
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LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
Three Seconds	Object was grayish (surrounded by yellow light). Saucer-shaped
Ground-Visual	Object had a level flight then slight climb. Disappeared into the haze. Object was first seen in the West, easterly when last seen.
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PHOTOS PYes NYNo	
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HQ CONTINENTAL AIR COMMAND, Mitchel Air Force Base, New York

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio ATTENTION: MCIAXS

Completed investigation is attached (Inclosure 3).

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF 2D DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS 67 BROAD STREET NEW YORK 4, NEW YORK

IN REPLY REFER TO:

14 July 1949

SUBJECT: Project Grudge - 374

TO:

Commanding General, Continental Air Command,

Mitchel Air Force Base, New York Attn: Director of Intelligence

Attached correspondence forwarded your office in accordance with telephone conversation, this date.

Incls:

Ltr fr 1st Army, subj as above, d/12 Jul 49 Ltr fr AMC, subj as above, d/7 Jul 49 w/2 Incls

CHARLES SOLLERS Colonel, USAF District Commander

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HQ CONTINENTAL AIR COMMAND, Mitchel Air Force Base, New York

- TO: Commanding General, First Air Force, Slocum Air Force Base, Fort . Slocum, New York
- 1. Attached correspondence forwarded your headquarters for necessary action.
 - 2. Request this Command be furnished the results of the investigation.

 BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL WHITEHEAD:

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M. R. PULL DELLE Major, USAP Assl. Major DSAP

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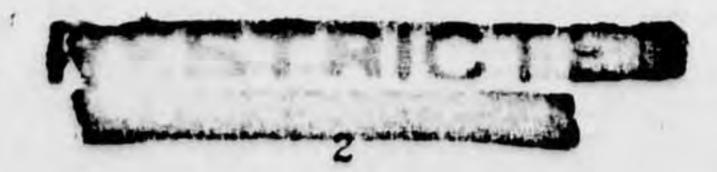
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SUBJECT: Project Grudge - 374

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CO, Office of Special Investigation District, #2

67 Broad Street New York, New York

ATTENTION: COL SOLLERS

Confirming telephone conversation between Col Hicks, your office and Col Kaylor, this headquarters on 11 July 1949, the inclosed papers are forwarded for necessary action.

FOR THE A. C. OF S., G-2:

Incl.

Ltr fr AMC, subj as above, d/7 July 49 w/2 Incls.

CHN P. KAYLOR Colonel, G. S. C. Exacutive Officer, G-2

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Friday, June 24

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About 6:30 and 7:00 C'clock in evening, saw 2 flying saucers (about size of platter) flying toward south disappear in haze.

Was standing by stove in ki chen.

(signature) Eleanor Scaife

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Lt Colonel, USAFA

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF

5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, DAYTON, OHIO

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21

16 August 1949

SUBJECT:

PROJECT GRUDGE

SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO:

Commanding General Air Materiel Command

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

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Dayton, Ohio

ATTENTION: MCIAXS

- 1. The inclosed report of investigation by Special Agent WILLIAM M. LILE, DO #13, dated 10 August 1949, is forwarded for your information and file.
- 2. This investigation was not requested by this office and no investigative action concerning subject incident is being conducted by this District.

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R/I dtd 10 Aug 49 (in dup)/

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Investigation predicated upon receipt of verbal instructions from Lt Col MATTHEW THOMPSON, AO-902812, District Commander, 13th OSI District, Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska. Balloon sighted over Black Hills area approximately 24 June 1949, described as approximately one hundred (100) feet in diameter, either white or silver in color, with some object suspended from the under side and a tail of approximately ten (10) feet in length. Subject balloon identified by Mr. The Engineer for General Mills, Incorporated, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, as one being used for cosmic ray research for the Navy Department. Balloon remained in this area for approximately three (3) or four (4) days. Present location unknown.

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1. Investigation predicated upon receipt of verbal instructions from Lt Col MATTHEW THOMPSON, AO-902812, District Commander, 13th OSI District, Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska, after having been informed of the incident verbally by the writer.

AT RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

2. On 29 July 1949, Mr. City Journal, Rapid City, South Dakota, was interviewed and advised the writer that Subject balloon was first sighted near Deadwood, South Dakota, on approximately 24 June 1949, and at that time was approximately 5,000 feet high and appeared to be standing practically still. The person who gave the first report (name not known) described the balloon as approximately one hundred (100) feet in diameter, either white or silver in color, with what appeared to be a tail of approximately ten (10) feet in length, and had some object suspended from the under side of the balloon. Mr. In author advised that on 28 June 1949 Mr. J. Engineer for General Mills, Incorporated, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, arrived in Rapid City and stated that the balloon was one manufactured by his firm which was being used by the Navy Department for cosmic ray research, and had been released from Camp Ripley, Minnesota, the preceding week. According to Mr. Mr. It stated that Subject balloon was carrying harmless counic ray research instruments and that he would pay a five dollar (\$5.00) reward for the plastic balloon and a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) reward for the instruments. Mr. KALISZEWSKI described the balloon as being made from plastic, 105 feet in diameter, white in color, and what was reported as being a tail was probably part of the mooring rope.

AT RAPID CITY AIR FORCE BASE, WEAVER, SOUTH DAKOTA

- 3. On 28 June 1949 an aircraft piloted by Lt. Col. English. R. RAMER. AO-45599, and Najor ELMER H. HAMMER, AO-46014, was dispatched at the request of the writer to search the entire Black Hills area for the balloon. However, no trace of the balloon could be found.
- 4. The last report on Subject balloon was received on 1 July 1949 from a Mr. Karatan, Rapid City, South Dakota, who stated that he saw the balloon very high over Rapid City at approximately 2000 hours on 30 June 1949.
- 5. Since 1 July 1949 an informal and unofficial report was received that the balleon had returned to the vicinity of Minnesota and had gone down and was in the hands of General Mills, Incorporated, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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Long Island		Ha. 1st AF.	Slocum AFB, New Rochelle, N.Y.	
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30 July 1949	23 July 1949		C=6	
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Lt Col Laurice H. Shorago, US	AFR	Lirs	(Civilian)	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc.,	as applicable)			
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Mrs. housewife, reported that on the evening of 24 Jun 49, between 1830 and 1845 hours, she observed through her kitchen window a pair of unidentified objects resembling platters approximately 1 1/2 to 2 feet in diameter travelling in a west to east direction at an altitude of approximately 150 feet. These objects were reported to have been surrounded by a halo of light and disappeared after an observation of approximately 3 seconds.

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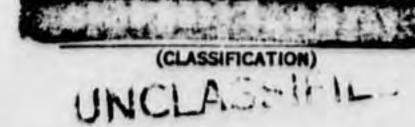
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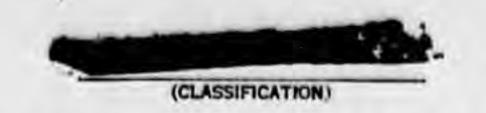
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Hq, 1st Air Force, Slocum AFB, New Rochelle, N. Y.	1AF AIR 49-1	PAGE 2	OF	3	PAGES

Mrs. Eleanor C. if the Company of the Cet, Astoria, Long Island, was interviewed at 0930 hours, 23 July 1949.

People present: Lr. Lrs. Scaife and the writer.

A previous check with Mrs. semployers indicate that she has held her present position with Corn Products refining Company for 30 years and is considered a stable type of person, not prone to exaggeration or verbosity. No further check of her character or background was performed.

Report of Interview: Mrs. Preports that on the evening of 24 June 1949 she returned from work at 1830 hours and immediately started to prepare supper. She turned on the radio at the same time so as to "hear Lowell Thomas". The reported objects appeared, according to Mrs. Prior to the advent of the Lowell Thomas program, which would place her time of observation between 1830 and 1845 hours D.S.T.

The objects were described by Mrs. The being round and between 1 1/2 and 2 feet in diameter, gray in color, surrounded by a halo of light and travelling in the direction of west to east, disappearing into a "cloud bank".

The objects appeared to be travelling in a horizontal direction for the first two seconds and then appeared to describe an upward arc just prior to disappearance. An interpretation of Lrs. Scaife's description of the position of the objects would place them approximately 100 to 150 feet in the air. It must be borne in mind, however, that determination of altitude without adequate reference marks is practically impossible for the average lay person.

Within a minute (estimated) of the time that the objects were sighted, a single engine "fighter type" airplane appeared from the south and was observed by Mrs. Scaife to circle the area and then disappear in a southerly direction at an estimated altitude of 1,000 feet.

Attached herewith is a slip of paper, signed by Mrs. hich was written by her within two hours following the time of her observation of the phenomenon reported.

Comments of preparing officer: The observation was made through an open window, and it is my belief that Mrs. Inad a clear unobstructed view of the area. There are definite points of landscape which afford an easy method of orientation. The house is so situated that there is a clear unobstructed view to a clump of trees approximately 150 years distant followed by another grove of trees which are approximately an additional 150 feet away.

A visit was made to the weather station at La Guardia Field, Station WBAS. The following official observations were noted by Mr. E. Morin, observer on duty at 1100 hours, for the time of 1723 to 1800 E.S.T. on the date of 24 June:

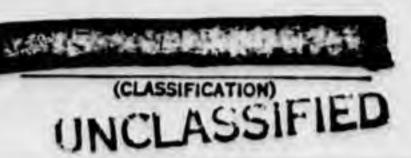
1723 E.S.T.: Clear, 10 mile visibility, temperature 84, dew point 61, wind SSE 18 miles an hour light gusts, humidity 46%.

1745 E.S.T.: Clear, 10 mile visibility, wind SSE 18, few cirrus.

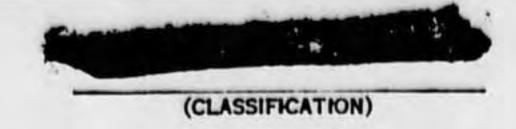
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

Hq, 1st Air Force, Slocum AFB,
New Aochelle, New York

REPORT NO.

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1800 E.S.T.: 35,000 feet thin scattered, 10 mile visibility, wind SSL 17.

There were no unusual weather conditions reported. Sunset was 1931 hours E.S.F. revealin a complete disc of sun.

Certain balloons had been released at 1550 hours E.S.T., said observer on duty at the time of the visible observations, are described.

The field is three miles NNE from the reporting position, and the wind would carry a balloon or another airdrome-released object in a direction away from the field.

Personal investigation revealed no reports of any unusual circumstances in the vicinity of either La Guardia Airport or Flushing Airport on the date of the 24th.

Attention is invited to the fact that objects, as reported, were travelling into the prevailing wind.

MAURICE H. SHORAGO Lt Colonel, USAFR Investigating Officer

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INCIDENT NO. 374

1. Date of Observation 24 June 1949 Date of Interview 23 July 1949

2. Exact Time (local) 2015 EST

3. Place of Observation Astoria, Long Island, N. Y.

4. Position of observer 2nd floor apartment-house

5. What attracted attention to object Looked out window while cooking

6. Number of objects 2 in echelon

7. Apparent size Approx. 1 1/2 inches (indicated by hands)

8. Color of object Grayish (surrounded by yellow light)

9. Shape Saucer-like

10. Altitude 45° 100-150 ft

11. Direction from observer West when first seen, easternly when last seen

12. Distance from observer 100'

13. Direction of flight of object(s) NE

14. Time in sight Three seconds

15. Speed 125-150 MPH

16. Sound and odor None

17. Trail None

18. Luminosity Glow

19. Projections None

20. Maneuvers Level flight then slight climb

21. Manner of disappearance Disappeared into haze

22. Effect on Clouds None

23. Additional information concerning object None

24. Weather Conditions At 1745 EST, clear, 10 mi. vis., wind SSE, 18 MPH, few cirrus (over)

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Name and address of observer:

Ers.

32-15 34 Street, Astoria, Long Island, N. Y.

Occupation and hobbies:

Clerk-bookkeeper, 30 years with Corn Products Refiring Co., 54 years old

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY: Report of Interview: Mrs. Peports that on the evening of 21, June 1949 she returned from work at 1830 hours and immediately started to prepare supper. She turned on the radio at the same time so as to "hear Lowell Thomas". The reported objects appeared, according to Mrs. Prior to the advent of the Lowell Thomas program, which would place her time of observation between 1830 and 1845 hours D.S.T.

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WRIGHT FIELD, DAYTON, OHIO

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SUBJECT: Project Fridge - 374

Commanding Ceneral · TO: First Army Governors Island New York 4, N. Y.

ATTN: Base Intelligence Officer

- 1. Reference is made to incoming teletype message, date time group 251500Z reporting the sighting of two flying saucers by 'rs. (copy inclosed).
- 2. It is desired that the Pase Intelligence officer initiate an investigation and obtain detailed information from each witness remarding the sighting referenced above.
- 3. As an aid to the investigating officer in recording the desired data, 2 copies of our Juide to Investigation are inclosed herewith.

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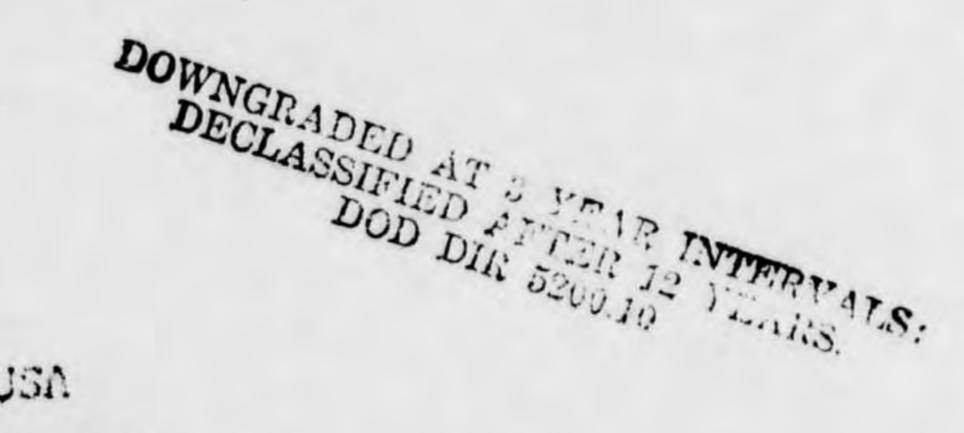
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